GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CAPITATION FEE DONATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE) has constituted any committee to inquire into the allegations of charging of donations/capitation fees by some institutes;

(b) if so,the details of inquiry and the outcome thereof;

(c) the action taken by the AICTE against the institutions so far; and

(d) the steps taken to restrain institutions from charging such fees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. As per information received from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE),Committees have been constituted to enquire into the complaints of charging of capitation fee against the People's Education Society (IT),Bangalore (PESIT) and Babaria Institute of Technology,Vadodara (BIT). During the course of enquiry,both the institutions have admitted to having received voluntary contribution/donations in one case each towards admission.The PESIT, Bangalore has refunded the amount taken as donation to the complainant.A legal opinion has been sought on the further course of action to be taken against the Institute.BIT,Vadodara has refused to refund the donation,claiming that the same has been made voluntarily and cannot be refunded once accounted for in the books of the Trust.Observing that, it is a clear case of an institute accepting donations against admission,which amounts to commercialization of technical education,a show cause notice has been issued directing the institute to show cause as to why action including withdrawal of approval should not be taken against it.

(d): The Letter of Approval granted to technical institutions has the following provisions:

"That the tuition and other fees shall be charged as prescribed by the Competent Authority within the overall criteria prescribed by the Council from time to time.No capitation fee shall be charged from the students/guardians of students in any form."

Whenever a complaint regarding the charging of Capitation Fee is received,it is enquired into and appropriate action is taken based on the findings of the inquiry.